



Group Programs Guide



Unicoi State Park and Lodge is a unique educational resource located on 1,051 acres in North Georgia, 2 miles north of Helen. Our programs are suited for school field trips, conference functions, Scout troops, church, civic and family reunions and adult groups. The programs listed include the sites natural and recreational resources. You can choose a combination of our available activities to best meet your groups needs.

How to Plan a Group Program

The first step in planning for a group program would be to explore our list of program topics below. Select a program that is appropriate for your group's size, age range, and time availability. Have questions or special requests? Contact us! We are extremely flexible when planning and coordinating, and we can work with you to design a program that is designed to suit all of your needs.

Scheduling Your Trip

To schedule a group program, contact our Activities and Programming Manager, Karen Lovan, at 706-878-4727. Or email at k.lovan@unicoilodge.com.

Making reservations at least **2 months in advance** is advised to ensure dates of choice. When contacting us, please be prepared with the following information:

- Group name, business, association, or school
- Person of contact (name, email, phone number)
- Number of participants

- Age/grade level of the students or participants
- Program desired
- Preferred and alternate dates of program
- Time of arrival and desired length of program
- Tax exemption status
- Any special considerations (handicap accessible, hearing/vision needs, etc.)



Field Trips & Environmental Experiences

Our field trip programs are designed for elementary students from kindergarten through fifth grade. If there is a specific lesson not listed below, we can work together to develop a lesson that will give your students the experience you desire. Our programs meet the Georgia Standards of Excellence and can be found listed next to the program topic below.

Most of the lessons include a guided hike, as well as time in our playground area. If you would like to book a picnic pavilion for lunch, please include this request at time of booking. Pricing varies depending on type of program and numbers of students. Length of programs and program content is based on individual preferences and needs.

Unicoi also offers Environmental Experiences to help students discover the many parts of the environment and how they depend on one another. We offer Project Wild, Aquatic Wild, Project Flying Wild and Growing Up Wild activities with a certified instructor.

If you would like a Unicoi program at your site instead of traveling to the park, this can be arranged for an additional fee.

- Rocks and Minerals (SKE2, SKCS3, S3E1,)
- Mammals of North Georgia (SKL1, SKL2, S1L1, S2C4, S2L1)
- Plants and Animals of Unicoi Overview (SKL1, SKL2, S1L1, S2C4, S2L1, S5L1)
- Habitats of Unicoi (S3L1, S4L1, S4L2)
- Birds (SKL2, S1L1, S2L1, S5L1)
- Owls and Owl Pellet Dissection (SKL2, S2L1, S3CS3, S4CS3, S5SC3)
- Black Bears (SKL1, SKL2, S1L1, S2C4, S2L1, S4L2)
- Food Chain and Forest Ecology (SKL2, S2L1, S4L1)
- Tree ID (S1CS2, S2CS2, S4L1, S4CS3)

- Reptiles and Amphibians (SKL2, S3L1, S4L2, S5L1)
- Lake Ecology (S1L1, S3L1, S3L2, S3L1, S4L1, S4L2, S5L1, S5L4)
- Stream Ecology (S1L1, S2L1, S3L1, S3L2, S3L1, S4L1, S4L2, S5L1, S5L2)
- Trout of North Georgia (may include trout release if available)
- Dissecting "Dead Stuff" (dead log dissection)
- Leave No Trace practices
- Much, much more available on additional topics!



Outdoor Programs and Activities

Want to give your group a true state park experience? Our exciting activities can be done with any size group, from archery to campfires to boat rentals. Choose one or more to make your trip one to remember!

- Campfire, stories and S'mores- Cost is per guest for a group campfire program
- Full beach rental- Includes use of all boats and water craft (9:30am-12:00pm) \$350
- GPS Scavenger Hunt- 3 miles and an average of 1.5 hours- price is per device
- Guided Nature Hike with a Unicoi guide on one of our trails
- Archery Class
- Air Gun Class
- Archery/Air Gun Combination Class
- Fly Fishing Class
- Boat rentals- kayaks, canoes, 2 person & 4 person pedal boats, paddle boards
- Slack lining
- Reptile Program- meet and greet with Unicoi's reptiles with Master Naturalist

Our outdoor programs can be modified to fit your group's needs. Pricing varies depending on type of activity, length of activities, and number of people participating.



Team Building Activities

Our team building activities are great for everyone, family reunions, and any other group of individuals looking to grow closer and become more cohesive. The games and activities are designed to be fun and motivational, while also encouraging group members to focus on communication, planning, problem solving, and conflict resolution. All games focus on decision-making, leadership, teamwork, trust, creative thinking and following directions. Groups can decide how long they want the teambuilding activities to go, as well as what games they want to incorporate.

- **10-100 participants**
- **Minimum of 10**
- **\$15 plus tax per participant**

A few of our team building games include:

- GPS Scavenger Hunt- Hike around the park to find clues and coordinates
- Acid River- working together, figure out how to cross the “acid river” using only certain body parts and foam boards
- Acid Ball- pass the ball around in a circle, using fewer and fewer body parts
- Helium Hoop- working together, lower the hoola-hoop to the ground using only the edge of your fingers. Its harder than it sounds!
- Sherpa Walk- with a blind-folded partner, guide them across an obstacle course using only your words
- Human Knot- the group gets into a circle holding hands with the person across from them- they must use communication to get themselves untangled without letting go
- Calculator Keypunch- the group must physically touch all 30 numbers in a sequence within a specified time
- Map Yourself (get to know each other game)- the Unicoi guide will ask individuals to place themselves on a map using different questions, like “What state would you want to live in?” or “What country would you not want to live in?”
- A combination of games in a relay race fashion where the group is placed into teams and they are asked to do a series of tasks as fast as possible

Program Guidelines

- Program fees vary based on program desired, amount of materials required, length of program and number of participants.
- **A deposit of half the total amount** is required for all group activities, at least 14 days prior to date of program and is non-refundable if canceled by the group within 7 days of scheduled program .
- A minimum of 10 participants is required, unless otherwise agreed upon.
- A cancellation notice of at least 7 days in advance is required. If a cancellation occurs within 7 days, deposit will be forfeited.
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- Please plan to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled program start time.
- In order to maintain a safe and educational environment, it is up to the teachers, chaperones and adults associated with the group to monitor and maintain the order of the group throughout the duration of the program.
- Please let us know about any special needs your group may have. We will do our best to accommodate all of your participants. Please let us know about any special needs (medical conditions, allergies, behavioral concerns, communication barriers, etc.) ahead of arrival.

We look forward to hosting your group at
our very special park!

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